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Our Ref: FOI004666/INF004595

Your Ref (if provided):

Date: 03 November 2025

Response to your Information Request

Dear requester,

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or Environmental Information Regulation 2004). Your request for information and the Council's response is as follows:

Request:

Question –

"I am writing to request how much each councillor received in the 2024/2025 financial year, indicating:

1. How much each received in Basic Allowance; 2. How much each received in Special Responsibility Allowance; 3. How much each received in Travel & Subsistence; and 4. How much each received in Dependent Carers Allowance (if any).

Regulation 15 of The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (at paragraph 3) states: "as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of a year to which the scheme relates, an authority shall make arrangements for the publication within the authority's area of the total sum paid by it in the year under the scheme to each recipient".

You are required by law to publish this information "as soon as reasonably practicable" after the end of the financial year, and yet, once again, the information has not been published on your website, despite being six months into the 2025/2026 financial year. This is part of a disturbing trend; it is, in fact, the sixth year I have found myself resorting to raising an FOI in order for the information to be published and, indeed, the fourth year in a row.

I therefore look forward to received the requested information as soon as reasonably practicable and would gently encourage the council to implement procedures to ensure its legal obligations are met in good time in future years."

Answer –

This information is set out below.

Please note that the head of service responsible for undertaking this particular task left the Council's employment earlier this year (head of elections and members' services (HEMS)). I am currently undertaking some of the functions previously undertaken by the HEMS, including Members' Allowances. Please note that for this year it was necessary to undertake some additional checks to assist with preparing and finalising the notice, which has caused a delay in publishing the notice. This information is now available on the Council's website:

https://www.medway.gov.uk/downloads/file/9463/2024_to_2025_member_allowances

**Medway Council is obliged by law to publish the following information: The following members allowances payments were made to Councillors between:
1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025**

Surname	First Name	Basic Allowance £	Special Responsibility £	Travel & Subsistence £
ANANG	Kwashie	12,098	47	0
ANIMASHAUN	Damola	11,474	0	0
BARRETT	Roger	11,474	0	0
BOWEN	Linda	11,474	0	0
BRAKE	David	11,474	186	0
BROWNE	Hazel	12,098	8,841	258
CAMPBELL	Smitha	11,474	2,755	0
CLARKE	Trevor	12,098	0	0
COOK	Esther	11,474	2,664	0
COOMBS	Tracy	12,098	18,147	0
CROZER	George	11,474	0	0
CURRY	Simon	12,098	18,147	0
DOE	Howard	11,474	0	0
EDWARDS	Lauren	4,033	4,976	0
ETHERIDGE	Gary	12,098	748	0
FEARN	Matt	11,474	186	0
FIELD	David	12,098	9,836	0
FILMER	Phil	12,098	6,339	136
FINCH	David	1,800	0	0
GILBOURNE	Jim	11,474	0	0
GULVIN	Adrian	12,098	1,936	0
GURUNG	Nina	12,098	15,082	175
HACKWELL	Gary	12,098	6,361	0
HAMANDISHE	Douglas	12,098	6,361	0
HAMILTON	Paula	12,098	4,282	0
HOWCROFT SCOTT	Joanne	12,098	12,470	0
HUBBARD	Stephen	11,474	0	22
HYNE	Alex	11,474	0	0
JACKSON	Sharon	11,474	140	0
JONES	Mark	12,098	6,342	7
JOY	Mark	12,098	6,361	0
KEMP	Barry	12,098	1,536	134
KHAN	Naushabah	4,065	4,976	0
LAMMAS	Robbie	11,474	0	0
LAWRENCE	Andrew	12,098	6,361	0
MAHIL	Harinder	12,098	18,147	0
MANDARACAS	Lia	12,098	4,235	0
MAPLE	Vince	12,098	36,294	0
MCDONALD	Dan	12,098	12,331	0
MURRAY	Teresa	12,098	24,196	0
MYTON	Gary	12,098	1,251	0

NESTOROV	Marian	12,098	14,151	0
NESTOROVA	Liubov	1,836	0	0
OSBORNE	Tristan	3,155	4,976	0
PATERSON	Alex	12,098	16,505	0
PEAKE	Eddie	11,474	1,106	123
PEARCE	Michael	11,474	0	0
PERFECT	George	12,098	13,232	338
PRENTER	Louwella	12,098	14,564	0
PRENTER	Mark	12,098	3,711	0
PRICE	Adam	12,098	18,147	0
SANDS	Ron	11,474	186	0
SHOKAR	Satinder	11,474	0	0
SPALDING	Chris	11,474	0	0
SPRING	Wayne	11,474	0	0
STAMP	Chrissy	12,098	14,928	0
TEJAN	Habib	12,098	12,098	0
TURPIN	Elizabeth	11,474	0	0
VAN DYKE	Zoe	12,098	18,147	177
VYE	John	1,800	0	0
WILDEY	David	12,098	7,260	0
WILLIAMS	John	11,474	0	0
Totals		680,449	380,545	1,370

Note 1. Councillor Joy also received £537 in respect of Dependent Carer's Allowance.

Note 2. Anumesh Chandra, Independent Member (Audit Committee) received £377 in respect of the Independent Member on Audit Committee allowance.

Note 3. There were some administrative errors relating to the payment of Members' Allowances in 2024/2025, the information set out above relates to the payments received by Councillors.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Your sincerely,

Wayne Hemingway
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